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SACRAMENTO CELEBRATES SEVENTY-FIFTH BIRTHDAY

The Diamond Anniversary of the First Congregational Church of Sacramento, was celebrated September 16 to 21. It was on September 16, 1849, that the church was organized and on September 21, 1854, that the cornerstone of the old building was laid. A large number of the members and friends of the church attended the anniversary dinner on Tuesday night, September 16. The Program Committee had provided not a little entertainment of a humorous nature. Greetings were brought from the sister churches of Sacramento and letters were read from Rev, W. G. Merrill, Rev. J. B. Silcox, Rev. H. R. Booth, Rev. A. B. Patten, and Rev. Harvey V. Miller, all former pastors of the church. A brief history of the church was read and a statement made of the conditions of the building enterprise.

On Sunday, September 21, the anniversay service was held in the morning. The pastor, Rev. Harley H. Gill, preached the anniversary sermon on the subject "Building on the past for the future." A large chorus composed of members of the choir in days gone by furnished the music. In the evening at 5:30 a vesper service was held on the site of the new building. Splendid instrumental music and congregational singing featured the program. Dr. W. J. Minchin brought the message in the form of a charge to the church to which Dr. E. H. Pitts, President of the Board of Trustees, responded. A huge bonfire had been prepared and with the lighting of it the pastor led the people in a responsive service of consecration. H. H. G.

"PREACHING IN" A MINISTER

Following an older custom in our churches a delightful service was held at Rio Vista, Sunday, September 21st, at which time Rev, Arthur Bunce of Newport, Scotland was inducted into the pastorate of this church. Superintendent Minchin conducted the service, receiving Mr. and Mrs. Bunce into membership with a charge to the people to rally to the support of the church. Rev. Godfrey Matthews, who was in college with Mr. Bunce preached an effective sermon fragrant with Scotch quotations and personal interest.

With the coming of Mr. Bunce the church has undertaken most extensive improvements, adding a large parish house or social hall as well as a complete transformation of the parsonage. Altogether the improvements will cost upward of $24,000 completed. We will report more of the detail at the time of dedication. The church officials are to be commended for their fine taste in the construction and architecture and the membership in their co-operation and enthusiasm.

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October 8th to 14th, 1924

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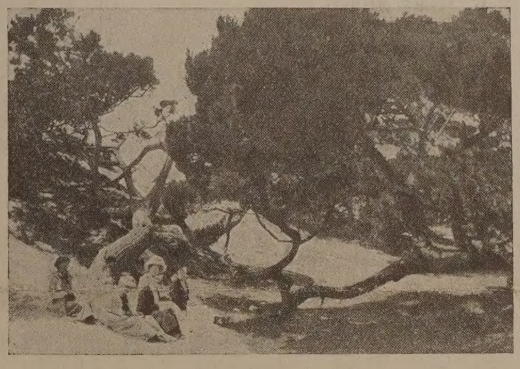

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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

Afternoon Session

2:30 Organization.
2:45 Snap-Shots of our District Associations:
Bay—Rev. Charles F. Clarke, Oakland.
Upper Bay—Rev. Edmund Owens, Crockett.
Central—Rev. George E. Atkinson, Ceres.
Sacramento Valley—Rev. Richard C. Day, Loomis.
Sonoma—Rev. Isaac Cookman, Sonoma.
Humboldt—Rev. W. D. Ogg, Eureka.
Modoc—Rev. John R. Shoemaker, Fort Bidwell.
Santa Clara—Rev. W. E. Eckles, Campbell.
San Joaquin—Rev. Benjamin Gould, Tulare.
German—Rev. W. J. Schmalle, Fresno.
4:30 Memorial Service.....Conducted by Rev. C. S. Nash
Rev. H. M. Tennev.
5:00 Home Mission Study—"Of One Blood".....Rev. H. F. Swartz

Evening Session

7:15 Song Service.....Mrs. Arch Jack
7:45 Conference Sermon.....Rev. O. W. S. McCall

WATTS O. PYE HOMEWARD BOUND.

Rev. Watts O. Pye, the story of whose wonderful work in Shensi, China, is so well known, will arrive in Seattle Nov. 6th. Ten years ago a gift of $1,000 a year for ten years was put into his hands with which he set out to evangelize the Province of Shensi, with a population of two million. Almost single handed he has achieved the nearly impossible and written an entirely new chapter in missionary history.

Mr. Pye will remain on the coast until Christmas, stopping in Northern California from November 20th to December 1st. It will be arranged so that as many as possible of our people will have opportunity to hear him. Mr. Pye is a real missionary statesman. He has an impressive personality and a great story to tell. It is hoped that the following program may be carried out:

Friday, Nov. 21st, a dinner, probably in Palo Alto, to which the churches of the Santa Clara Association will be invited.

Monday, Nov. 24th, a luncheon at noon in the First Congregational Church, San Francisco, attended by the members of the Ministers' Club and to which people of the churches of San Francisco and the vicinity will be invited.

Monday, Nov. 24th, a dinner at 6:30, probably at Plymouth Church, Oakland, for ministers and members of the East Bay region.

Tuesday, Nov. 25th, Petaluma, a meeting for ministers and members of the Santa Rosa Association.

Monday, Dec. 1st, Stockton, dinner for Stockton and ministers and people of the vicinity.

Special notices will be sent out confirming this program or announcing any modification necessary to be made.

So many people have asked about Mr. Pye's coming we know there will be a general satisfaction in this announcement and a great response in attendance upon these occasions.

DR. PALMER BIDS GOOD-BYE TO CENTRAL UNION CHURCH.

Rev. Albert W. Palmer, D.D., former pastor of the Central Union Church in Honolulu sailed from Honolulu September 18. His itinerary was scheduled to take him to Japan, Seoul, Pekin, Shansi, Hankow Shanghai, Kobe. He will return to Honolulu November 22, continuing to San Francisco the following week and he expects to arrive in Chicago early in December to preach his first sermon at Oak Park on December 7.

Local ministers will supply the pulpit during the month following Dr. Palmer's sailing. Dr. Brewer Eddy will begin a six weeks' ministry the second week in October which will last until Rev. Herbert Manchester arrives to be acting pastor the six months. It is the hope of the church to find a permanent pastor by that time.

Dr. Eddy, who is a brother of Sherwood Eddy, is a secretary of the American Board of Foreign Missons, a strong preacher and magnetic personality. Mr. Manchester has been for several years pastor of the Union Church at Yokohama, now temporarily discontinued because of the earthquake.

MORE READERS WANTED FOR "THE CONGREGATIONALIST"

The movement to extend the circulation of The Congregationalist is in the line of promotion of all our Congregational interests. The Congregationalist is the one and only national religious journal published by and for Congregationalists. Its purpose is to interest and help every member of the home circle, and to serve all our interests as churches and members of churches. It reports the progress of the Christian world, and interprets important current events and moral isues from the Christian point of view. It presents the light and leading of religious leaders in our own and other denominations. It maintains an open forum for the free discussion of the subjects which interest its readers. It reports the news of the churches, missions, education and social service. It gives practical help and inspiration in personal religion. It is a force for righteousness.

The Congregationalist has achieved distinction as a leader in religious journalism. True to the Pilgrim spirit, which animates Congregationalists, it is progressive, ever seeking new truth, and it is ever loyal to old truth which does not change with changing times.

The Congregationalist is increasingly effective in providing publicity for our Congregational fellowship and in securing united action for our causes, also in carrying forward the great traditions of the Pilgrim faith and the Pilgrim spirit. Our churches own and support it. It is our opportunity. It is our responsibility.

It is proposed to have a united and enthusiastic campaign to extend the circulation of the Congregationalist during the next few months. Every church is expected to do its part in its own way. The management of the paper will gladly co-operate with any church, or pastor or layman in carrying out any reasonable plan to push the circulation of the paper.

In order that most of us may be working together at the safe time and in the same way, it is proposed that special effort to secure new subscribers be headed up in one week and especially in one day, and it is suggested that Sunday Nov. 2, be observed as The Congregationalist Sunday in our churches. In the morning services pastors will do what they can to encourage people to subscribe. The follow-up for subscriptions will come during that week; the pastor or some man or woman receives them.

One of the best plans of handling subscriptions is through a special committee of the church, the ladies' society, the young peoples' society or a Sunday school class. This work is regarded as a service to the church and it affords an excellent opportunity for a church organization to earn some money in commission paid on the subscriptions secured.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

Morning Session

8:40 Devotions.....Rev. H. S. Davidson
9:05 Foreign Mission Study, "China's Challenge to Christianity".....Rev. O. S. Johnson
10:00 California State Federation of Churches.....Rev. K. S. Beam
10:15 Congregational Church Building Society..Rev. Carl Stackman, Denver
10:45 California Revisited.....Rev. William Rader
11:15 From Coast to Coast.....Rev. Robert E. Brown
11:45 Greetings from Southern California Conference.

Afternoon Session

5:00 Home Mission Study.....Rev. H. F. Swartz

Evening Session

7:15 Song Service.....Mrs. Arch Jack
7:30 Address: "Seventy-five Years of Congregationalism in Northern California".....Rev. Willard B. Thorp
8:15 Address: "Present Condition and Prospects of Congregationalism in Northern California".....Rev. Harley H. Gill

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

Morning Session

8:40 Devotions.....Rev. G. Southwell Brett
9:05 Foreign Mission Study.....Rev. O. S. Johnson
10:00 Business Session of the Conference.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order.
2. Report of Superintendent.
3. Report of Registrar.
4. Report of Treasurer.
5. Report of Auditor.
6. Report of Board of Trustees.
7. Report of Committee on Proportionate Benevolences.
8. Report of Committee on Religious Education.
9. Report of Committee on Evangelism.
10. Report of Committee on Anti-Saloon League.
11. Report of Visitors to the Pacific School of Religion.
12. Report of Committee on University of California
13. Report of Committee on State Federation.
14. Report of Nominating Committee and Election of Officers.
15. Report of Resolutions Committee.
16. Other Business.

Afternoon Session

5:00 Home Mission Study.....Rev. H. F. Swartz

Evening Session

7:15 Song Service.....Mrs. Arch Jack
7:30 Address: "The Way of Wonder".....Rev. H. S. McCready
8:00 Address: "The Commission on Missions"
Rev. R. W. Gammon, Chicago

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

Morning Session

8:40 Devotions.....Rev. R. J. Currie
9:05 Foreign Mission Study.....Rev. O. S. Johnson
10:00 to 12:20 "Symposium on Young People's Problems by the Young People Themselves."
Directed by Rev. Paul Waterhouse and Mrs. G. W. Hinman.

Afternoon Session

5:00 Home Mission Study.....Rev. H. F. Swartz

Evening Session

7:00 to 9:30 Three one-act plays given by the Boulevard Players—"Hyacinths," "At the Door," "The Neighbors."
Under the direction of Wilbur S. Tupper.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

Morning Session

9:45 Sunday School.....Rev. Miles B. Fisher
11:00 Morning Worship:
Sermon by.....Rev. Fred W. Morrison

Afternoon Session

4:50 Vesper Communion Service:
Communion Meditation.....Rev. Burton M. Palmer

Evening Session

7:30 Family Gathering around the Big Fireplace.
Conducted by Rev. Rowland B. Dodge

BAY ASSOCIATION MEETS AT OLIVET CHURCH.

Olivet Church was in "ship-shape" condition to entertain the Fall Meeting of the Bay Association. With the coming of Dr. Jones this church has made such extensive and attractive improvements that all delegates who were familiar with the plant expressed great delight in the transformation.

The program was interesting throughout, having such speakers as Revs. D. W. Lockwood of Park; Edwin T. Sherman of Broadmoor; Wm. Rader of North; J. Vincent Jones. Roy B. Guild of the Federal Council of Churches and Robert E. Brown of First Church, Oakland. The Moderator, Rev. Charles F. Clarke directed the meeting with dignity and charm.

Superintendent Minchin reported that the indebtedness of a year ago, amounting to $3500 had been wiped out. He also reported that there was but one vacancy in the pulpits of the Association, namely, Mill Valley. He called for a nearer approximation to the whole apportionment that we might do the new work required.

Drs. Jones and Buckham led the devotional exercises, the local choir furnished delightful music and the ladies furnished an excellent dinner which was attended by upward of one hundred. At the tables fellowship greetings were given by Rev. Wm. A. Tate of the Southern Conference and Dr. H. H. Bell of the San Francisco Federation of Churches.

Licenses were granted to Paul B. Van Horn and Silas P. Hagler, The Association also restored to Wm. Rader his ministerial standing which lapsed while he was in the lecture field and on the staff of the Public Ledger.

Kind words were said for The Pacific, The Pacific School of Religion, the work of Religious Education with the fervent hope that we will soon employ a director for such work. The next meeting will be held at Park Church, Berkeley.

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AUDITOR'S REPORT

Dr. William J. Minchin,
Dear Sir:

Complying with your request, I have examined the financial books and records of the Northern California Congregational Conference, the California Home Missionary Society and the Congregational Ministers' Relief Society, from December 1, 1922, to December 31, 1923, inclusive, and beg to report the following:

All money received has been traced from the numbered carbon copies of receipts issued through the cash book into the bank. Several erasurs were noted in these carbon copies, but satisfactory evidence was furnished in each case that the amount as shown was correct.

All withdrawels from the bank were mode by checks signed jointly by William J Minchin and F. P. Cole. The only exception to this being where the bank had made charges for interest on loans, revenue stamps, and checks returned. There were also several erasures or alterations brought to the attention of both signers and their O. K. obtained.

The extensions and footings in the cash books have been proved.

The balances shown to the debit of the banks on the books have been reconciled with the balances as shown by the bank statements on December 31, 1923.

All items of expense or earnings appearing in the accounts of the Northern California Congregational Conference and the California Home Missionary Society between December 1, 1922, and November 30, 1923, have been drawn off and classified and appear in the "Statement of Operations" for year ending November 30, 1923. This was done with a view to furnishing a working basis for the next year's budget. Beginning January 1, 1924, the books have been arranged so that this information will be kept in detail and be available at any time.

All bonds recorded by the books at the close of business November 30, 1923, were on deposit in the Wells-Fargo Nevada National Bank with the following exceptions: 7000 Pacific Gas and Electric Company and 5000 Southern Counties Gas Company, par value, which were in the San Leandro State Bank as security for loans, and 1000 Kansas City Structural Steel and 1000 Western States Gas and Electric Company, par value, which were presented to me by Dr. Minchin.

As the majority of the bonds have been carried on the books at par value, it was decided to write them down to market value. This was done in the month of December, 1923, and schedules prepared showing necessary adjustments.

Heretofore, interest earned on bonds has only been taken into account when coupons were actually paid, whereas for proper accounting a journal entry should be made each month crediting Interest Earned and debiting Interest Accrued with amount earned by each bond. Entries necessary to start this system were also made in the month of December and schedules likewise prepared.

It was also found that many items of expense were not brought into accounts in the months in which they belonged, and to correct this situation it was necessary to show the expense of two months in the month of December.

From the foregoing it will be noted that the month of December, 1923, has been used as an adjustment month so that the "Statement of Condition" as of December 31, 1923, submitted herewith, does, in the opinion of the writer, set for the actual condition at that time, after taking into account cash receipts up to January 10[illegible]

(Signed): M. H. HAGER,
Accountant.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

Morning Session

8:40 Devotions.....Rev. W. E. Eckles
9:05 Foreign Mission Study.....Rev. O. S. Johnson
10:00 Discussion: "Are We As a Nation Really Standing for Peace?"
Opened by Rev. K. S. Beam,
Rev. Loyal L. Wirt.
11:00 California Woman's Missionary Society of Northern California,
Mrs. H. F. Swartz

Afternoon Session

5:00 Home Mission Study.....Rev. H. F. Swartz

Evening Session

7:15 Song Service.....Mrs. Arch Jack
7:30-8:00 Home Missionary Program; Glimpses from the Field.....By Missionaries
8:30-9:30 Foreign Missionary Program.....{Rev. J. C. Holmes, {Rev. O. S. Johnson

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

Morning Session

8:40 Devotions.....Rev. J. Vincent Jones
9:05 Foreign Mission Study.....Rev. O. S. Johnson
10:00 Discussion: "How Far Is Prohibition Being Enforced in Our California Communities?".....Opened by Rev. T. T. Giffen
11:30 Closing Business and Adjournment.

Each Church is entitled to two delegates, with an additional delegate for each full one hundred members above two hundred; provided no Church shall be entitled to more than five delegates.

In accordance with the custom of the Conference, railroad fares in excess of $5.00 will be refunded to the pastors of churches. There will be the usual registration fee of fifty cents per day.

Trains leave Third and Townsend Streets, San Francisco, at 8:00 a. m. and 2:00 p. m. daily. The trip to Asilomar takes a little over four hours.

CALIFORNIA HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1923, and September 30, 1924

Assets

	1924	1923	Increase and Decrease
Cash	$ 727.65	$ 1,314.68	—$ 587.03
Bonds	86,526.45	71,143.45	15,383.00
Accrued Interest	1,871.74	914.07	957.67
Trust Fund Bonds	----------	15,853.00	— 15,853.00
Trust Fund Accrued Interest	----------	270.14	— 270.14
Trust Fund Other Securities	29,294.22	14,075.00	15,219.22
Other Securities	7,553.02	13,534.57	— 5,981.55
Total Assets	$125,973.08	$117,104.91	$ 8,868.17
Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	$ 86,608.29	$ 11,591.59	$75,016.70
Trust Fund Interest	----------	270.14	— 270.14
Total Liabilities	$ 86,608.29	$ 11,861.73	$74,746.56
Net Worth			
Capital Account	$ 39,364.79	$105,243.18	—$65,878.39

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1923, and September 30, 1924

Assets

	1924	1923	Increase and Decrease
Cash	$ 1,185.63	$10,601.94	—$ 9,416.31
Bonds	11,577.50	11,577.50	----------
Accounts Receivable	10,522.37	11,073.81	— 551.44
Accrued Interest	176.06	175.42	.64
Total Assets	$23,461.56	$33,428.67	—$ 9,967.11
Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	$11,629.02	$12,644.17	—$ 1,015.15
Benevolences	----------	12,412.81	— 12,412.81
Total Liabilities	$11,629.02	$25,056.98	—$13,427.96
Total Liabilities			
Capital Account	$11,832.54	$ 8,371.69	$ 3,460.85

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE

Benevolences Received

Jan. 1st-Sept. 30th, 1924

Adin	$ 59.98
Alameda	300.00
Alturas	80.00
Angels Camp	22.17
Antioch	107.00
Benicia	28.20
Berkeley:	
Bethany	148.00
First	4,728.42
North Berkeley	825.00
Park	197.47
Broadmoor	22.04
Campbell	5.78
Ceres	383.57
Cloverdale	238.71
Cotati	39.50
Crockett	93.48
Etna Mills	17.50
Eureka	298.77
Fairfax	54.00
Ferndale	146.65
Fresno, First	687.50
Glen Ellen	8.00
Grass Valley	123.64
Hayfork	11.40
Hayward	25.00
Kenwood	10.50
Lewiston	5.00
Lockeford	36.50
Lodi, First	955.00
Loomis	6.00
Martinez	318.39
Murphys	9.00
Oakland:	
Boulevard	118.09
Calvary	105.00
First	3,938.59
Fruitvale	237.00
Grace	76.00
Pilgrim	15.09
Plymouth	876.99
Oleander	62.15
Oroville	24.18
Pacific Grove	204.79
Palo Alto	852.79
Paradise	50.00
Petaluma	879.15
Pittsburg	114.47
Porterville	100.00
Redwood City	547.50
Reno, Nev.	210.00
Rio Vista	12.10
Ripon	150.00
Sacramento	383.02
San Francisco:	
Bethany	160.00
First	4,025.00
Ocean View	18.74
Richmond	131.00
Sunset	40.00
San Jose	623.84
San Lorenzo	181.50
San Mateo	102.54
San Rafael	92.28
Santa Cruz	735.00
Santa Rosa	144.12
Saratoga	867.65
Sonoma	126.35
Soquel	126.64
Stockton	990.00
Suisun	83.49
Sunnyvale	61.80
Tipton	34.19
Tulare	164.54
Weaverville	45.50
Woodside	59.50
Miscellaneous	408.66
Total	$28,171.33

Distribution of Benevolences

Annuity Fund	$ 257.38
C. M. R. S.	504.66
S. S. E. S.	764.97
Pac. School of Rel.	773.12
C. E. S.	1,265.73
C. C. B. S.	1,550.92
Conference	1,951.94
A. M. A.	3,133.87
W. B. M. P.	3,084.24
A. B. C. F. M.	4,958.80
C. H. M. S.	9,602.44
Mrs. Wingate	322.26
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CHURCH NEWS.

Berkeley, North.—During the month of September Dr. William Rader, pastor, gave a series of services which had for a general subject, "Sunday Evenings with Great Problems," which proved of real interest to all, especially to the men of the Church community. The first of the series dealt with "The New American" and was followed by "LaFollette, Coolidge, or Davis? A study of the People Ballot," and "William Jennings Bryan, and the Fundamentals of Democracy." Other topics in the series will be announced for the month of October.

SONOMA—Rev. and Mrs. Isaac Cookman have recently returned to their field at Sonoma after the first vacation during his pastorate of over four years.

The church has just been repaired and enlarged and a coming event is the County Christian Endeavor Convention.

Mr. Cookman recently had the misfortune to have his car wrecked—it being started down a steep hill while he was calling. He carried no insurance.

KENWOOD-GLENN ELLEN — The Kenwood Church is welcoming home a number of its people from vacation. With the opening of the fall work preparations are being made to reshingle the roof of the church building. The new auditorium at the State Home for Feeble Minded Children is nearly ready for occupancy. Religious services are held twice a month there by Rev. William H. Youngman, pastor of the Kenwood and Glen Ellen Churches.

Remarkable signs of life for a small community are beginning to show in the Glen Ellen Church. Attendance has run between 30 and 40 throughout the summer. On September 14, Mrs. Sheick engineered the first monthly Sacred song service. Just previous, Mr. Charles Wilson, the Sunday School Superintendent acted as chairman of a social committee. The social was most successful and netted over $40, which provided for a balance on a new piano. Eight have asked to unite with the Church at the next communion.

GRASS VALLEY—A new Cathedral Pipe Organ has been ordered by the Committee on Congregational Church Improvements. The new instrument which is to lead future congregations in their service of worship and praise will be installed about the first of November and is to be in the nature of a Memorial to the sacrificial devotion of a past generation, who laid the foundation of Congregationalism in the community more than seventy years ago, and who, with their children have so largely contributed to the high moral standard and community welfare of the city.

The organ is likewise intended to commemorate the beautiful spirit of co-operation shown by the many who while not members of the church have neverthless given generously of their means, and by their sympathy and friendly interest have heartened the spirit of those responsible for the financial support of the church and the preservation and beautifying of its building.

The plan for financing the Memorial Organ Fund as outlined by the Committee in charge is to secure memorial subscriptions. Those contributing to the first $1000 initial payment will constitute the charter donors of the organ fund, while the names of those in whose memory the gifts are made will be cast in a bronze memorial tablet to be placed in the central panel of the organ.

The instrument is being built in the East, according to the specifications of one of the most competent organ experts of the Pacific Coast. To make this splendid organ complete it is to be equipped with a set of chimes, consisting of the standard number of tubular bells.

Oakland, Plymouth. — The first Family Night of Plymouth was held September 17th, and was a great success. Over 100 sat down at 6:30 to a fifty cent dinner, served at 35c. Fact, not fiction. After dinner the pastor, Rev. H. S. McCready led a class in the life of Christ, and Mr. Fred R. Morrow, one in Teacher Training. At 8:30 a general discussion of Plymouth problems was held, followed by a social hour. The Center is now open and all the activities of the church are starting afresh. Under Mr. McCready's leadership, Plymouth will be worth watching this season.

PETALUMA.

Rev, Henry Stauffer returned the latter part of September after a three months vacation abroad, a portion of which he spent in Scotland and England. He was welcomed back to his pastorate at the annual church family meeting on the evening of September 30.

During the pastor's absence the pulpit was supplied by Rev. D. C. Williams, Santa Rosa, Rev. L. L. Wirt, Prof. Geo. T. Tolson, Rev. E. B. Smith and Rev. Rowland B. Dodge. Mr. Wm. L. Sales supplied on one or two occasions.

FEDERATION ENTERTAINS ARMY AND NAVY CHAPLAINS

The San Francisco Federation of Churches was host to the chaplains of the U. S. fleet on Friday, September 19, at the First Congregational Church, San Francisco. There were 7 present and 15 naval chaplains and wto army chaplains. A delightful luncheon was served them by the ladies of the First Congregational Church, and after a number of short addresses of welcome and responses by visitors the chaplains were taken for a drive about the city.

This is one instance in which the City Federation is bringing together the ministers of the churches and the representatives of the churches, and the event proves the wisdom of such an occasion and gives great promise of hearty co-operation along lines of comity and fellowship.

Mrs. K. E. Hoskins, widow of one of California's missionaries, is staying at Mrs. Whipple's Sanitarium at Kenwood.

July 15, 1924.

To The Trustees of the Northern California Congregational Conference;

San Francisco, California.

Dear Friends:

While I have expressed to individuals the deep gratitude of Mrs. Dodge and myself for the constant kindness shown us while I was sick, I wish to say to you as a Board that I shall always be thankful for all that was done for us, while I was in the hospital. The financial assistance that was given me, the supply of the Redwood pulpit by so many members of the Conference and the ever watchful interest and untiring assistwatchful interest and untiring assistance given Mrs. Dodge and me by our superintendent, Dr. Minchin, will never be forgotten by us. We are grateful from our hearts.

With best wishes for the continued success of the Conference.

Ever cordially yiurs,
ROWLAND B. DODGE.

IS YOUR SUBSCRIPTION TO THE PILGRIM MEMORIAL FUND PAID UP?

The five year period, within which practically all the subscriptions to the Pilgrim Memorial Fund become due, expires at the end of 1924. It is hoped that the collections will be substantially completed within the first quarter of 1925. The net collections up to July 1, 1924, were $4,-613,857.

Reaching the minimum goal of the $5,000,000 originally asked for now depends on subscribers some portion of whose subscription is not yet paid.

The faithfulness to this sacred obligation on the part of the 70,000 subscribers, approximately, whose accounts are now closed is a warrant for the confidence that the goal is to be reached. The loyalty of many subscribers has been at the cost of sacrifice. Many more, equally loyal, have been only waiting for recovery from business reverses.

BOOK ENDS.

Flashes of Silence, by George Clarke Peck, Pages 232; price $1.50 net. The Abingdon Press.

Pictures That Preach, by Charles Nelson Pace, Pages 176, price $1 net. The Abingdon Press.

A first Primary Course for the Vacation Church School, by Edith McDowell. Pages 219, price 85c postage extra.

George Whitefield, Prophet-Preacher, by Edward S. Ninde. Pages 215, price $1.50 net. The Abingdon Press.

Psychology of Religious Experience, by Francis I. Strickland. Pages 314, price $2 net. The Abingdon Press.

The Economic Waste of Sin, by Lahman Forrest Bower. Pages 272, price $1.75. The Abingdon Press.

ASILOMAR.

Key of A Flat.

Oh, I hear the tides a singing 'mong
the sands along the shore,
Asilomar, Asilomar;
And I see the loons swinging where
the turbid breakers roar,
Asilomar, Asilomar;
ty ocean spray
I love the salty fragrance of the mis-
And the surging of the surf against
the headlands night and day,
And the dunes aflame with glory in
the sunset's crimson ray,
Asilomar, Asilomar.

SONOMA HOUSE WARMING.

The Sonoma Congregational Church was the scene of a very happy social event on Friday evening, Sept. 19.

The occasion was the celebration of extensive improvements recently made in the Sunday School Department of the church. The interior of the former Sunday School quarters has been greatly enlarged by the removal of partitions, a new extension has been added which provides a kitchen and dressing room and a large general utility room. These additional rooms have been handsomely finished and equipped with modern facilities for the better handling of the growing Sunday School and the social functions of the church.

It was in recognition of this important forward movement that the Sunday School invited their friends and the people of the community to join with them in what they called a "house warming."

The response to the invitations was generous and people from town and valley, young and old gathered and were warmly welcomed by the young people and their teachers. The formal program was short and consisted of prayer by Rev. Stephen Crowe of the Methodist Church, music and short talks by Rev. Isaac Cookman, pastor of the church, Superintendent Edrington, Chairman McAllister of the Board of directors and Dr. William J. Minchin, superintendent of the Conference. All the talks were brief, pointed, acknowledged the generous support which had made the improvements possible and stressed the continuous and increasing need of more devoted effort toward bringing children under the influence of the gospel.

Refreshments and an hour of delightful social fellowship closed an evening which everyone felt had been helpful and profitable.

CHINESE CHURCH ORGANIZED

On Sunday evening, September 21st, there was organized under the direction of Dr. Pond, the Oakland Chinese Congregational Church with fourteen members. The church is being ministered to by Mr. William Day Lee, a brother of Rev. Lee S. Hong. Mr. Lee is a student at the Pacific School of Religion. The church is situated at 264 Eighth St., Oakland.

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